

## SOM

SOMETHING. *n. f.* [rumōng, Saxon.]

1. Not nothing, though it appears not what; a thing or matter indeterminate.

When fierce Bavar  
Did from afar the British chief behold,  
Betwixt despair and rage, and hope and pain,  
Something within his warring bosom roll'd.  
The force of the air upon the pulmonary artery is but  
small, in respect of that of the heart; but it is still some-  
thing.

You'll say the whole world has something to do, something to  
talk of, something to wish for, and something to be employed  
about; but pray put all these somethings together, and what is  
the sum total but just nothing.

Here the beholds the chaos dark and deep,  
Where nameless somethings in their caufes sleep.

2. More or less.  
Something yet of doubt remains.

Years following years steal something ev'ry day,  
At least they steal us from ourselves away.

3. Part.  
Something of it arises from our infant state.

4. Diffance not great.  
I will acquaint you with the perfect spy o' th' time; for't  
must be done to-night, and something from the palace.

SOMETHING. *adv.* In some degree.  
The pain went away upon it; but he was something dis-  
courage'd by a new pain falling some days after upon his elbow  
on the other side.

SOMETIME. *adv.* [some and time.] Once; formerly.  
What art thou that usurp'st this time of night,  
Together with that fair and warlike form,  
In which the majesty of buried Denmark  
Did sometime march?

SOMETIMES. *adv.* [some and times.]  
1. Not never; now and then; at one time or other.  
I will render me more equal, sometime superior.

It is good that we sometimes be contradicted, and that we  
always bear it well; for perfect peace cannot be had in this  
world.

2. At one time, opposed to sometimes, or to another time.  
The body passive is better wrought upon at sometimes than  
at others.

Sometimes the one, and sometimes the other, may be glanced  
upon in these scripture descriptions.

He writes not always of a piece, but sometimes mixes trivial  
things with those of greater moment: sometimes also, though  
not often, he runs riot, and knows not when he has said  
enough.

SOMETHAT. *n. f.* [some and what.]  
1. Something; not nothing, though it be uncertain what.  
Upon the sea somewhat methought did rise  
Like blueish mists.

He that shuts his eyes against a small light, on purpose to  
avoid the sight of somewhat that displeases him, would, for  
the same reason, shut them against the sun.

2. More or less.  
Concerning every of these, somewhat Christ hath com-  
manded, which must be kept 'till the world's end: on the con-  
trary side, in every of them somewhat there may be added, as  
the church judges it expedient.

These fals have somewhat of a nitrous taste, but mixt with  
a smatch of virgolic.

3. Part greater or less.  
Somewhat of his good sense will suffer in this transfusion,  
and much of the beauty of his thoughts will be lost.

SOMETHAT. *adv.* In some degree.  
Holding of the breath doth help somewhat to cease the hic-  
cough.

He is somewhat arrogant at his first entrance, and is too in-  
quisitive through the whole; yet these imperfections hinder  
not our compassion.

SOMETHERE. *adv.* [some and where.] In one place or other;  
not nowhere.

Hopeless and forelorn  
They are return'd, and somewhere live obscurely.

Compressing two primis hard together, that their sides,  
which by chance were a very little convex, might somewhere  
touch one another, I found the place in which they touched to  
become absolutely transparent, as if they had there been one  
continued piece of glass.

Does something still, and somewhere yet remain,  
Reward or punishment?

Of the dead we must speak gently; and therefore, as Mr.  
Dryden says somewhere, peace be to its manes.

SOMETHILE. *n. f.* [some and while.] Once; for a time. Out  
of use.

Though under colour of the shepherds somewhere,  
There crept in wolves full of fraud and guile,  
That often devoured their own sheep,  
And often the shepherd that did 'em keep.

## SON

SOMNIFEROUS. *adj.* [somnifere, Fr. somnifer, Latin.] Causing

sleep; procuring sleep; soporiferous; dormitive.

I wish for some somniferous potion, that might force me to

sleep away the intermitted time, as it does with men in for-

row.

SOMNIFICK. *adj.* [somnus and facio, Latin.] Causing sleep.SOMNOLENCY. *n. f.* [somnolentia, Latin.] Sleepiness; incli-

nation to sleep.

SON. *n. f.* [sonus, Gothick; runa, Saxon; son, German;

son, Swedish; sone, Dutch; son, Slavonian.]

1. A male born of one or begotten by one; correlative to father

or mother.

She had a son for her cradle, ere she had a husband for her

bed.

Cast out this bondswoman and her son.

He compares the affection of the Divine Being to the indul-

gence of a wife father, who would have his sons exercised with

labour and pain, that they may gather strength.

2. Descendant however distant: as, the sons of Adam.

I am the son of the wife, the son of ancient kings.

3. Compellation of an old to a young man, or of a confessor to

his penitent.

Be plain, good son, and homely in thy drift;

Riddling confession finds but riddling thrift.

4. Native of a country.

Britain then

Sees arts her savage sons controul.

5. The second person of the Trinity.

If thou be the son of God, come down.

6. Product of any thing.

Our imperfections prompt our corruption, and loudly tell

us we are sons of earth.

Earth's tall sons, the cedar, oak, and pine,

Their parents undecaying strength declare.

7. In scripture, sons of pride, and sons of light, denoting some

quality. 'Tis a Hebraism.

This new fav'rite

Of heav'n, this man of clay, son of despite.

SON-IN-LAW. *n. f.* One married to one's daughter.

If virtue no benighted beauty lack,

Your son-in-law is far more fair than black.

A foreign son-in-law shall come from far,

Whole race shall bear aloft the Latian name.

SONSHIP. *n. f.* [from son.] Filiation; the character of a son.

The apostle to the Hebrews makes afflictions not only in-

cident but necessary to Christianity, the badge and cognizance

of sonship.

SONATA. *n. f.* [Italian.] A tune.

He whistled a Scotch tune, and an Italian sonata.

Could Pedro, think you, make no trial

Of a sonata on his viol,

Unless he had the total gut,

Whence every string at first was cut.

SONG. *n. f.* [from gungun, Saxon.]

1. Any thing modulated in the utterance.

Noise other than the sound of dance and song.

He first thinks fit no sonnetter advance

His censure farther than the song or dance.

2. A poem to be modulated by the voice; a ballad.

Pardon, goddess of the night,

Those that flew thy virgin knight;

For the which, with songs of woe,

Round about his tomb they go!

In her days ev'ry man shall sing

The merry songs of peace to all his neighbours.

3. A poem; lay; strain.

The bard that first adorn'd our native tongue,

Tun'd to his British lyre this ancient song.

4. Poetry; poesy.

This subject for heroic song pleas'd me.

Names memorable long,

If there be force in virtue, or in song.

5. Notes of birds.

The lark, the messenger of day,

Saluted in her song the morning grey.

6. An old song. A trifle.

I do not intend to be thus put off with an old song.

A hopeful youth, newly advanced to great honour, was

forced by a cubler to resign all for an old song.

SONGIST. *adj.* [from song.] Containing songs; consisting of

songs. A low word.

The songist part must abound in the softness and variety of

numbers, its intention being to please the hearing.

SONGSTER. *n. f.* [from song.] A singer. Used of human

singers, it is a word of slight contempt.

The pretty songsters of the Spring with their various notes

did seem to welcome him as he passed.

Some songsters can no more sing in any chamber but their

own, than some clerks read in any book but their own.

Either songster holding out their throats,

And folding up their wings, renew'd their notes.

## SOO

SO'GROSSER. *n. f.* [from song.] A female finger.

Through the soft silence of the listening night,

The sober-suited songsters trills her lay.

SONNET. *n. f.* [sonnet, French; sonetto, Italian.]

1. A short poem consisting of fourteen lines, of which the

rhymes are adjusted by a particular rule. It is not very suit-

able to the English language, and has not been used by any

man of eminence since Milton.

A book was writ of late call'd Tetrachordon,

And woven close, both matter, form, and stile;

The subject new: it walk'd the town a-while,

Numb'ring good intellects, now seldom por'd on:

Cries the stall-reader, Bless us, what a word on

A title-page is this! and faine in file

Stand spelling false, while one might walk to Mile-

End-green. Why is it harder, first, than Gordon,

Colkito, or Macdonnell, or Galasp?

Those rugged names to our like mouths grow sleek,

That would have made Quintilian stare and gasp:

Thy age like ours, the wit of fir John Cheek,

Hated not learning worse than toad or ap,

When thou taught'st Cambridge and king Edward

Greek.

2. A small poem.

Let us into the city presently,

To fort some gentlemen well skill'd in musick;

I have a sonnet that will serve the turn.

SONNETTER. *n. f.* [sonetier, French; from sonnet.] A small

poet, in contempt.

Affix me, I me extemporal god of rhyme; for I am sure I

shall turn sonnetter.

He first thinks fit no sonnetter advance

His censure farther than the song or dance.

There are as many kinds of gardening as of poetry: your

makers of parterres and flower-gardens are epigrammatists and

sonnetters in this art.

What woful stuff this madrigal would be,

In some star'd hackney sonneteer or me?

But let a lord once own the happy lines,

How the wit brightens! how the style refines!

SONIFEROUS. *adj.* [sonus and fere, Latin.] Giving or bring-

ing sound.

This will appear, let the subject matter of sounds be what

it will; either the atmosphere, or the ethereal part thereof, or

soniferous particles of bodies.

SONIFICK. *adj.* [sonorus and facio, Lat.] Producing sound.

If he should ask me why a clock strikes, and points to the

hour; and I should say, it is by an indicating form and soni-

fick quality, this would be unsatisfactory.

SONOROUS. *adj.* [sonore, French; sonorus, Latin.]

1. Loud sounding; giving loud or shrill sound. Bodies are dis-

tinguished as sonorous or unsonorous.

All the while

Sonorous metal blowing martial sounds;

At which the universal host up-fent

A shout that tore hell's concave.

2. High sounding; magnificent of sound.

The Italian opera, amidst all the meanness and familiarity

of the thoughts, has something beautiful and sonorous in the

expression.

SONOROUSLY. *adv.* [from sonorous.] With high sound; with

magnificence of sound.

SONOROUSNESS. *n. f.* [from sonorous.]

1. The quality of giving sound.

Enquiring of a maker of viols and lutes of what age he

thought lutes ought to be, to attain their full and best reason-

ing for sonorousness, he replied, that in some twenty years

would be requisite, and in others forty.

2. Magnificence of sound.

SON. *adv.* [son, Gothick; sona, Saxon; son, Dutch.]

1. Before long time be past; shortly after any time assigned or

supposed.

Nor did they not perceive their evil plight,

Yet to their gen'ral's voice they son obey'd.

You must obey me, son or late;

Why should you vainly struggle with your fate?

Early; before any time supposed, opposed to late.

O boy! thy father gave thee life too soon,

And hath bereft thee of thy life too late.

Do this, that I may be reformed to you the sooner.

How is it that you are come to son-to-day?

The earlier slayeth for the later, and not that the later

cometh sooner.

3. Really; willingly.

I would as soon see a river winding through woods and mea-

dows, as when it is toll'd up in so many whimsical figures at

Verdies.

4. It has in Sidney the signification of an adjective, whether

licentious or according to the custom of his time.

He hath preferred Argalus alive, under pretence of having

him publicly executed after these wars, of which they hope

for a son and prosperous issue.

## SOO

5. Soon. *adv.* Immediately; at the very time.

As soon as he came nigh unto the camp, he saw the calf and

the dance.

Nor was his virtue poison'd, soon as born,

With the too early thoughts of being king.

SOONLY. *adv.* [from soon.] Quickly; speedily.

This word I

remember in no other place; but if soon be, as it seems once

to have been, an adjective, soonly is proper.

A mafou meets with a stone that wants no cutting, and,

soonly approving of it, places it in his work.

SO'OPBERRY. *n. f.* [sopindus, Latin.] A plant.

It hath a flower, which for the most part is composed of

four leaves, expanding in form of a rose; from whose four-

leaved empalement arises the pointal, which afterward becomes

a spherical fruit, inclosing a nut of the same form.

SOOT. *n. f.* [soot, Saxon; soot, Islandick; soot, Dutch.] Con-

densed or embodied smoke.

Soot, though thin spread in a field, is a very good com-

post.

If the fire be not kept within the tunnel of the chimney,

and some appointed to sweep down the soot, the house will be in

danger of burning.

Oft they assay'd,

Hunger and thirst constraining; drugg'd as oft

With hatefullest distelfish, writ'd their jaws,

With soot and cinders fill'd.

Our household gods, that droop upon our hearths,

Each from his venerable face shall bruth

The Macedonian soot, and shine again.

SO'OTED. *adj.* [from soot.] Smeared, manured, or covered with

soot.

The land was sooted before.

SO'OTERKIN. *n. f.* A kind of false birth fabled to be produced

by the Dutch women from sitting over their stoves.

When Jove was, from his teeming head,

Of wit's fair goddess brought to-bed,

There follow'd at his lying-in,

For after-birth, a sooterkin.

SOOTH. *n. f.* [sooth, Saxon.] Truth; reality.

Obsolete.

Sir, understand you this of me in sooth,

Th' youngest daughter, whom you hearken for,

Her father keeps from all access of suitors,

Until the eldest sister first be wed.

That e'er this tongue of mine,

That laid the sentence of dread banishment

On yond proud man, should take it off again

With words of sooth.

He looks like sooth: he says he loves my daughter;

I think so too; for never gaz'd the moon

Upon the water, as he'll stand and read

My daughter's eyes.

If I have any skill in soothsaying, as in sooth I have none,

it doth prognosticate that I shall change caps.

The very sooth of it is, that an ill habit has the force of an

ill fate.

I did not mean to chide you;

For, sooth to say, I hold it noble in you

To cherish the distressed.

SOOTH. *adj.* [sooth, Saxon.] Pleasing; delightful.

Some other means I have,

Which once of Melibæus old I learn'd,